

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 10: 1st full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

This peripheral region 30 is a fan-like region having a radius $[[H1]]$ centered on the contact point B as shown with hatching. Vickers hardness Hv in this peripheral region 30 is set 400 or less at a surface layer thereof because the distortion deformation force applied at the time of caulking is plastically absorbed with this hardness. Here, the surface layer is a layer located in a depth of about 1 mm from a surface of the peripheral region 30.

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by underlining, strikeouts, or double bracketing. A cleanly typed substitute abstract is submitted on the following separate page

Abstract

In a bearing device in which a free end of a shaft body to which a rolling bearing is mounted is bent outward in its radial direction into a shape to be pushed

against an end face of an inner ring of the rolling bearing so as to prevent the rolling bearing from falling out, a raceway surface of the inner ring of the rolling bearing is subjected to hardening treatment, and ~~other~~ another portion of the inner ring is made of ~~row~~ raw material which is not hardened. With this arrangement, the caulked portion formed by the caulking plastically deforms the relatively soft inner peripheral corner of the inner ring and as a result, the caulked portion and the inner peripheral corner are adhered to each other strongly.